

603. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VARMA:

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

SHRI SATYAJIT SINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD:

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL:

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH:

SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI:

SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJBHAI  
CHIKHALIA:

SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had made certain amendments to the updated guidelines dated May, 1, 1991 for payment of relief under the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund (TWRF) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of workers of Himachal Worsted Mills Ltd. Nalagarh (H.P.) who have been found eligible for payment under the said scheme by the office of the Regional Textile Commissioner, Amritsar;

(c) the reasons for which payment under the said scheme has not been made to these poor workers so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to release funds for these workers without any delay?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):  
(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The following amendments have been made in TWRF Scheme:

(i) The TWRF Scheme has also been made applicable to cases of partial closure on a case to case basis subject to certain conditions.

(ii) Under the eligibility clause the wage ceiling limit has been raised from Rs. 1600/- per month to Rs. 2500/- per month.

The Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme has not so far been extended to Central and State Textile PSUs.

[Translation]

#### Coal Stock

604. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH:

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have sufficient stock of Coal at present;

(b) if so, the quantum of Coal lying in the godowns at present at and the quantum of coking coal therein; and

(c) the total quantum of coking coal produced every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Vendible coal stock with Coal India Limited (CIL) as on 1.7.1997 was 22.45 million tonnes (provisional). Out of which, the quantum of coking coal was about 4.20 million tonnes.

(c) The total quantum of coking coal produced from the mines of CIL during the last two years is as under:-

(million tonnes)

1995-96	1996-97 (provisional)
34.63	34.77

#### Export by Industries

605. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the share of small industries in export in comparison to that of organised sector at present;

(b) the contribution made by them in generating employment and assets in the country; and

(c) the long term policy formulated by the Government for the development of small industry sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As per data on exports from small industries collected from various Export Promotion Councils, Export Development Authorities, etc., for the year 1995-96 (latest available), out of the total exports of Rs. 1,06,464.86 crores, the share of SSI sector was Rs. 36,470.22 crores which is about 34.25%.

(b) There were about 27.24 lakhs SSI units during 1995-96 which provided employment to around 153 lakh persons. No information is available regarding generation of assets in the country by these units.

(c) The policy measures taken by Government include priority sector lending to SSI, fiscal concessions, reservation of items for exclusive manufacture (currently numbering 821) and price and purchase preference to products manufactured by the sector. Several Government assisted schemes are also being implemented for promotion and development of the SSI sector. Important schemes are for providing infrastructural support through Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme, enhanced technology support for modernisation and quality upgradation, enhancement of entrepreneurship development institutes as well as involving voluntary agencies, strengthening special employment generation programmes by way of self-employment through PMRY schemes and enhancing information and data base of SSI sector.